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Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application

Request for Continued Prosecution Application (CPA)

Appl. No. 09/501,179; filed February 10, 2000

For: Class Characterization of Circulating Cancer Cells Isolated from

**Body Fluids and Methods of Use** 

Inventors: Wang et al.

Our Ref: 1887.0060002/RWE

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

- 1. Fee Transmittal (Form PTO/SB/17) (in duplicate);
- 2. Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) Request Transmittal (Form PTO/SB/29) (in duplicate);
- 3. Petition For Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1) (in duplicate);
- 4. Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (in duplicate);
- Form PTO-1449 (4 sheets) and accompanying (9) references;
- 6. Letter to PTO Draftsman: Submission of Formal Drawings;

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- 7. Twenty-five (25) sheets of Formal Drawings (Figures 1; 2A-2S; 3; 4A-4B; 5A-5B; 6A-6B; 7A-7B; 8A-8B; 9A-9B; 10; 11A-11B; 12A-12B and 13A-13B);
- 8. Return postcard; and
- 9. Our check no. 33057 for \$884.00 to cover:

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It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the filing date of these documents and returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

STERNE, KESSLER, GOLDSTEIN & FOX P.L.L.C.

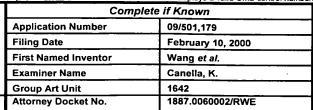
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## Letter to PTO Draftsman: Submission of Formal Drawings

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Sir:

Submitted herewith are twenty-five (25) sheets of formal drawings with Figures 1; 2A-2S; 3; 4A-4B; 5A-5B; 6A-6B; 7A-7B; 8A-8B; 9A-9B; 10; 11A-11B; 12A-12B and 13A-13B, corresponding to the informal drawings submitted with the above-captioned application. Identification of the drawings is provided in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(c). Acknowledgment of the receipt, approval, and entry of these formal drawings into this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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